



East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

September 2, 2015
MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Roy Chavera, Samantha Blizzard, Len Newman, Anthony Ramirez, Teddy Wu, Jerold Samet, Peter Myo Khin, Melissa Daley.

Guests Present: Ramona Bell-Pearson, Matt Corrigan, Ed Weiler, Mark Pharaoh, Rob Richardson, Kristina Ellis, Mark Moore, Mark Doore, Mark Pharaoh, Lee Yaffe-Stark, Sharon Brown, Ryan Wilson, Margaret Poore, Jim Williamson, June Henderson

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh and Chiffon Smith

Citizens' Forum: Community comments from community members included issues relating:

- Problems with pit bulls in the Broadmore Hills community.
- Summary overview of the August 4, 2015 East County National Night Out event.
- Problem with parking of large construction/commercial trucks along Old Columbia Pike at Stewart Lane, which has been a long standing safety and security issue for the area.
- The East County RSC Director, MCPD and MCDOT are currently coordination a plan to address this issues now that the zoning for the area has changed.
- Tagging problem in the Calverton community.
- Update on Calverton Citizens Association events and resident's positive inter action with MC311.

Presentation by Special Guests: Ramona Bell-Pearson, Montgomery County Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, followed by Michael Smith, Montgomery County Development Ombudsman. Summary/topics of their presentations included:

- Property disposition for the release of the County-owned 150 acres at the old Site II for the joint development of the Life Science Village with Percontee.
- The General Development Agreement for the joint development is still being worked on, and has not yet been signed. There will be a public forum after the signing of the GDA.
- The White Oak Development Coordinator position description was distributed and discussed.
- Applicants for the position were interviewed, although the County Executive has not yet made a final decision on a candidate.
- The incumbent will focus on the coordination of strategic development related projects and issues as envisioned in the White Oak Science gateway Master Plan.
- The County is firm on the creation of a job center over exclusive residential for the area.

- The Development Ombudsman's background included experience with White Flint development projects.
- Will focus on creating new areas of growth for the County.
- The Ombudsman will be the internal and external connector for the various areas needed to speed the development process in the County (connecting the pieces).
- The White Oak Development Coordinator will be the local interface with the pieces of the development process in White Oak.

Gary Erenrich, Deputy Acting Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Office of Transportation Policy, Andrew Bossi, MCDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) Coordinator, and Randy Paugh, MCDOT Highway Services Division Chief also made brief presentations, including:

- The transfer of the Development Review and Transit Access unit to the Director's Office
- Creation of a Transportation Management District for White Oak.
- Bus Rapid Transit timeframe and alternatives- in the near future, due to lack of funding at this time.
- The White Oak Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) plan during the Fall of 2015
- There were 20K service request for roads on file, \$50 million allocated for road repairs-list can be found on website.
- MCDOT is looking into County roads and sidewalks not holding hold up as expected.

The presentations were followed by a brief general questions and answers session on the topics mentioned above.

Approval of the June 3, 2015 Meeting Summary – Tabled due to lack of a quorum.

ECRSC Director's Report/Update included:

- Interview of ECCAB applicants completed and Nominating Committee recommendations were sent to the County Executive's Office.
- The August 4th East County National Night Out event held in the ECRSC parking lot in collaboration with MCPD and 25 other community groups and civic associations was very successful. Approximately 950 people attended.
- The US29 North Corridor Advisory Committee on Transportation continue to meet.
- Burtonsville Day Parade and Festival is scheduled for September 26, 2015. ECCAB will have a booth.
- One-on-one business consultation/assistance is now being made available to small businesses at the ECRSC by appointment.

ECCAB Chair's Report/Update

- The chair thanked ECCAB members who attended the August 4th National Night Out event to help, and members who also attended the ECCAB retreat.

County Council Staff Update – Updates from Council staff included:

- County Council on recess in August.
- Council work on liquor control reform and trespass towing, major issues county-wide.
- Council will be working on the issues related to abandoned properties, and perhaps require Department of Housing and Community affairs registration.
- Legislation to focus on foreclosed homes.
- Councilmember Tom Hucker's staff will be conducting outreach in Burtonsville at the Giant supermarket once a month.

Police 3rd District Police Commander's Update

- He thanked everyone for supporting the National Night Out event, which had the largest turn out in the County.
- Provided a brief overview of crime statistics for the 3rd District, including a slight increase seen in auto thefts.
- Extra officers on weekends on Castle Boulevard.
- MCPD is working with the ECRSC Director, MCDOT to address the parking related issues on Old Columbia Pike at Stewart Lane.

Committee Reports

- The planning and Economic Development Committee will handle the process of reviewing of the Transit Task Force report and recommendations and coordination of a response from ECCAB.
- The Quality of Life/Social Issues Committee temporary chair will coordinate ECCAB member sign-up/participation during the Burtonsville Day event September 26, 2015.

Old Business – None

New Business

- The ECCAB came up with a list of priority areas to focus on in the coming year. They include: Housing, Transportation/Transit, Health and Human Services delivery in East County, East County economic/community development, the next East County Leadership Summit, East County Annual Fireworks Display, Holding two ECCAB meetings in other parts of the Eastern region
- ECCAB comments on (expected) draft Transit Task Force report and recommendations. Assign this task to the Planning and Economic Development committee.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.